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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Home Health Agencies, Psychologists, Screening Centers, Nurse Midwives, Area Education Agencies, Nurse Practitioners, Local Education Agencies, Infant and Toddler Agencies, and Behavioral Health Providers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Per Encounter Rate for Procedure Code H0031

Effective: July 1, 2015

For dates of service July 1, 2015, and after, the IME has modified the reimbursement methodology for the Healthcare Common Coding System (HCPCS) code H0031 to pay per encounter. The rate per encounter for procedure code H0031 is \$93.67. Prior to July 1, 2015, the IME reimbursed for procedure code H0031 per unit with 15 minutes equal to one unit.

Medicaid programs are required to use procedure codes in the time basis for the procedure code as defined in the Current Procedural Technology (CPT) and HCPCS guides.

If you have questions, please contact IME Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.